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  - Continuation of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_ Continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. \_\_, filed on \_\_.

- Copy of Executed Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition Form from parent For Divisional and Continuation applications ONLY:
  - application by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a convert the considered as home nort of the considered as home north copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered as being part of the declaration of the agreement of the cupy of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein

- Small Entity Status was requested in the prior application, and small entity status is still For all Divisional, Continuation and Continuation-in-part applications:
  - Proper and desired.

    This application is assigned to Tendon Technology, Ltd. of 75 Habersac Avenue, Pataskala.

    This application is assigned to Tendon Technology and in the prior application at Real 13654.

    Onio 42067 by virtue of an applier assignment filed in the prior application. Into application is assigned to <u>1 endon 1 echnology</u>, <u>Liu. 01 13 madersac Avenue, rataskala, Ohio 43062</u> by virtue of an earlier assignment filed in the prior application at Reel <u>13654</u>, <u>Pramos 336-330</u> Frames 336-339.

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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT/CALCULATION OF FEES

Please cancel claims	_ without prejudice, ar	nd prior to calculating the	fees. <u> </u>
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- □ Please enter the enclosed preliminary amendment identified below prior to calculating the fees.
  \_\_total claim(s), of which \_\_ is(are) independent, is(are) pending after the amendment.
- ☐ Small Entity Status is Requested
- It is requested that Matthew J. Huddleston, Mark A. Goldin, Jeremy Jarrett and Joseph E. Young be deleted as inventors in the application.
- **☒** The Fees are Calculated as Follows:

Fee:	Number of Claims:	In Excess of:	Extra:	At Rate:	Amount:	
Total Claims	14	20	0	\$18	\$0.00	
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$84	\$0.00	
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BASIC FEE					\$750.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS					\$750.00	
REDUCTION BY 50% FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY				\$375.00		
TOTAL					\$375.00	

## **ENCLOSURES**

- ☑ Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (in duplicate) containing Certificate of Mailing By Express Mail Under 37 CFR 1.10.
- ⊠ Return Postcard.

#### **APPLICATION PAPERS**

- Utility Patent Application, with: cover sheet, <u>94</u> page(s) specification (including <u>14</u> total claim(s), of which <u>2</u> is(are) independent, and <u>1</u> page(s) abstract).
- Drawings: 29 sheet(s) of formal drawings (123 total figure(s)).
- ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix).
- □ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence, including (all are necessary): Computer Readable Copy, Paper Copy (identical to computer copy), and Statement verifying identity of copies.
- An \_\_ Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition Form.
- **⊠** Copy of Executed Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition Form from prior application identified above.
- □ Certified Copy of priority document(s) identified as attached above.

## **ADDITIONAL PAPERS**

- ☐ Assignment to \_\_\_, Recordation Cover Sheet (Form PTO-1595)
- □ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment (to be entered prior to calculation of fees)

	Information Disclosure Statement, sheet(s) Form PTO-1449, U.S. Patent Reference(s), _ Foreign Patent Reference(s) and Other Reference(s)			
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×	The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <u>23-3000</u> . A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.			
	THE PAYMENT OF FEES IS BEING DEFERRED.			

Respectfully Submitted,

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